

Demolition Permit Information

What is the Purpose?

If the structure is on your property, is in imminent danger of collapse and is beyond repair, you are responsible for demolishing the property as soon as possible in order to not endanger other persons or property.

The purpose of a demolition permit is to ensure that the lot is clear of debris and other health hazard material.

Transylvania County shall not be held liable or responsible for any work related to the demolition.

What about utilities?

Before beginning demolition activities, contact local utilities for procedures to disconnect and abandon utility services to the building. These services, which may include sewer, water, electricity, natural gas, and cable, should be properly disconnected before starting demolition work.

After the permit is issued:

Silt fences shall be required if property adjoins streams or other properties.

Area shall be properly flagged off and appropriate signage shall be in place in order to protect the public.

During demolition, use water to control and reduce dust impact on neighboring properties.

When demolishing a building, story after story shall be removed and the structural parts of each story shall be lowered toward the ground immediately upon displacement. All remaining exposed walls of adjoining buildings must be left perfectly safe and all proper safeguards for the public shall be taken.

All debris must be promptly removed from site.

Demolition shall be completed within 60 days of permit issuance unless a building inspector deems unsafe conditions exist which may necessitate a quicker response.

Contact Transylvania County Solid Waste (884-6830) for information regarding asbestos removal.

What inspections are needed?

When demolition activities are complete, leave the site clean, in safe condition, and protected from erosion and drainage problems (ground cover).

Final inspection by the Building Department is required upon completion of all work on site. Final approval required from City of Brevard (885-5630) if in city jurisdiction.

Arrange for inspection by calling 884-3209, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm the business day prior.